

**To:** Phillips, John[Phillips.John@epa.gov]  
**From:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 6:07:48 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Update from R7 Perspective

I know. I couldn't figure out how to forward to one person from my iphone calendar. Should see it now.

**From:** Phillips, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:05 PM  
**To:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Update from R7 Perspective

Sorry, not complaining. Was afraid you forgot to send it. Know things are crazy there.

**From:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 1:02 PM  
**To:** Phillips, John  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine Update from R7 Perspective

Yes. Haven't been to my desk since 8:15 this am.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2015, at 11:55 AM, Phillips, John <[Phillips.John@epa.gov](mailto:Phillips.John@epa.gov)> wrote:

You still sending an invite for the call??

**From:** Bielenberg, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 12:24 PM  
**To:** Ferguson, Ralph  
**Cc:** Milbeck, Regina; Wood, David; Phillips, John; Kohler, Carla; Spelman, John; Doucette, Judi  
**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine Update from R7 Perspective

Thanks Ralph. I believe Cindy and Christine (r8) and talked today as well.

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On Aug 12, 2015, at 11:22 AM, Ferguson, Ralph <[Ferguson.Ralph@epa.gov](mailto:Ferguson.Ralph@epa.gov)> wrote:

Ben,

I just spoke to our finance person in our REOC and she confirmed the discussion about centralized managed funds. We can discuss further on our call this afternoon. I forwarded the invite to our financial person in the REOC.

**Ralph Ferguson**

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**From:** Bielenberg, Ben

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:52 AM

**To:** Milbeck, Regina; Wood, David; Phillips, John

**Cc:** Phillips, John; Kohler, Carla; Spelman, John; Ferguson, Ralph; Doucette, Judi

**Subject:** Re: Gold King Mine Update from R7 Perspective

Hadn't heard about the supplemental apropos, thanks.

Getting some info from Durango that r8 may be managing funds for all as area

command. But all would use own ssid. This was requested by the r6 and r9 oses in conjunction with area commander. Anyone else hear that? Running that down.

Waiting on some final r9 figures before sending our request to oswer.

Let's plan on talking at 1:30 on these topics. John I will forward you our invite.

BB

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 12, 2015, at 8:37 AM, Milbeck, Regina <[Milbeck.Regina@epa.gov](mailto:Milbeck.Regina@epa.gov)> wrote:

Thanks John for the update.

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**From:** Phillips, John

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 12, 2015 9:30 AM

**To:** Bielenberg, Ben; Milbeck, Regina; Doucette, Judi

**Cc:** Kohler, Carla

**Subject:** Gold King Mine Update from R7 Perspective

What I'm about to say is just a Region 7 discussion, and has not been officially communicated/verified.

Just wanted to let you know that I had heard in our morning briefing that having one SSID for this response may be an issue under CERCLA. They mentioned something about the site codes have always had to stop at regional boundaries for Superfund cleanups, and feel that this probably will be no different given it's a Superfund response (versus a Stafford Act response). Also, I heard there may be the possibility of a supplemental appropriation for the response.